

June 15, 2015

The Randolph County Board of Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m. for a special budget session in the Meeting Room of the 1909 Historic Courthouse, 145 Worth St., Asheboro, NC. Commissioners Frye, Kemp, Haywood, Lanier and Allen were present.

Changes to Agenda

Chairman Frye announced that item *I. Award Bid for Old County Home Roof Repair* had been added to the agenda. (Press was notified of the change on June 9 and a new agenda was posted on June 10.)

Bid Approval for Old County Home Roof Repair

James Chriscoe, Maintenance Director, said the current shingles on the Old Randolph County Rest Home are over 25 years old. Many are missing and there are various leaks resulting in damage to the inside of the buildings. There are three main rest home buildings and a small building in the back that need to be recovered.

The quote specifies to remove the existing shingles and replace them with architectural shingles. All gutters and down spouts are to be removed and replaced, all damaged/rotten fascia boards will be removed and replaced. Only newly replaced fascia boards will be painted to match the exterior. Any damaged/rotten sheeting that is uncovered from under the shingles will be removed and replaced at an extra charge.

The following quotes were received in April 2015:

Vendor	Quote
Chris Biesecker Builders	\$ 33,995.00
Chriscoe Aluminum Builders	\$ 36,126.00
McRae Roofing	\$ 58,194.00

Mr. Chriscoe requested the Board award the bid to Chris Biesecker Builders and allow Mr. Chriscoe to immediately start the purchasing process for the replacement of the roof and needed repairs in the current fiscal year. He said postponing the roof replacement and repairs will result in more damage to the interior of the buildings.

On motion of Kemp, seconded by Allen, the Board voted unanimously to award bid for Old County Home roof repairs to Chris Biesecker Builders for \$33,995.00, as requested.

Approval of Budget Amendment for 2012 CDBG Scattered Site Housing Grant

Will Massie, Assistant County Manager/Finance Officer, stated that the County is currently completing the original 2012 CDBG scattered site rehabilitation projects and has received some program revenue from the sale of a house renovated several years ago under a prior grant project. These funds may be used for additional housing projects.

On motion of Allen, seconded by Lanier, the Board voted unanimously to approve Budget Amendment #2 to the FY12 CDBG Scattered Site Project Fund, as follows:

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<i>FY12 CDBG Scattered Site Project Fund Amendment #2</i>		
<i>Revenues</i>	<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	\$8,055	
<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>Increase</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
<i>Rehabilitation</i>	\$8,055	

Discussion of Capital Improvement Plan

Finance Officer Will Massie stated he had not heard of anything that the Board wished to add to the current Capital Improvement Plan that would impact next year. Chairman Frye stated that he thought the next significant discussions would have to do with the capital projects for the school systems.

Approval of School Tax Rates

On motion of Frye, seconded by Allen, the Board voted unanimously to set the Archdale-Trinity Schools Supplemental Tax District rate at the current rate of \$0.0954.

On motion of Kemp, seconded by Lanier, the Board voted unanimously to set the Asheboro City Schools Supplemental Tax District rate at the current rate of \$0.15.

Approval of Tax Rates for Rural Fire Protection Tax Districts and Fire Protection Service Districts Tax Rates

Commissioner Allen made a motion to set Julian's Fire District tax at 11.5¢ instead of the requested 13¢. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Commissioner Lanier made a motion to leave the Julian Fire District tax at the current rate of 10¢. It was seconded by Commissioner Kemp.

Commissioner Allen said he spoke with the citizens of the area and the consensus was that most felt an increase was needed and suggested a compromise at half of the requested increase and the reason for his initial motion.

Chairman Frye said he thought the request of Julian was due to the need to fund current expenses and to purchase equipment, not due to the mega site land purchase.

Commissioner Allen said the Commissioners would need to address assistance to Julian in some way if the change to fire tax revenue becomes an issue.

Chief Jeff Folwell asked to speak and the Board granted. Chief Folwell said the 3¢ increase requested will equal roughly \$22,000. He said other department's requests for a fraction of a cent brings them more because of the number of taxed properties in their district. He stated he would be losing additional revenue due to the purchase of land by the County and Commissioner Allen stated that would affect his 2016-2017 budget. Chief Folwell said they had been "operating in the red for four years" and funds were depleted. He said they are required to keep a year of operating expenses in the fund balance and are barely over that. He pleaded they consider some type of tax increase for the Julian Fire District because they "cannot continue operating at the level" they are "and provide the service" they do.

Motion failed when the Board voted 2-3, with Frye, Haywood and Allen opposing to set the Julian Fire District tax rate at its current rate of 10¢.

On motion of Allen, seconded by Haywood, the board voted unanimously to set the Julian Fire District tax rate at 11¢.

On motion of Haywood, seconded by Allen, the board voted unanimously to set the Level Cross Fire District tax rate at the requested 12¢.

On motion of Haywood, seconded by Allen, the board voted 4-1, with Lanier opposing to set the Westside Fire District tax rate at 11¢ instead of the requested 12¢.

On motion of Haywood, seconded by Lanier, the board voted unanimously to set the Ulah Fire District tax rate at the requested 7¢.

On motion of Haywood, seconded by Lanier, the Board voted unanimously to set the remaining Fire Protection Tax District rates, as requested: Bennett—8¢, Climax—0.0¢, Coleridge—7.4¢, Eastside—11¢, Fairgrove—8.83¢, Farmer—7.69¢, Franklinville—10¢, Guil-Rand—0.0¢, Northeast—9¢, Randleman—0.0¢, Seagrove—10¢, Sophia—0.0¢, Southwest—12¢, Staley—10¢, and Tabernacle—10.54¢; and Climax Fire Service District at 12.44¢, Guil-Rand Fire Service Districts at 12.62, and Randleman-Sophia Fire Service District at 12¢.

Adoption of Departmental Fee Schedules

On motion of Haywood, seconded by Kemp, the Board voted unanimously to adopt all departmental fee schedules, as requested, and as follows:

- 1. Public Health (no change)*
- 2. Planning and Zoning (no change)*
- 3. Solid Waste Facility Tipping Fees (no change)*
- 4. Ambulance (No change)*
- 5. Building, Electrical & Plumbing Permits (No change)*

Budget Discussion

Chairman Frye said there are still things that need to be addressed, but appreciated everyone present working together to accomplish so much.

Chairman Frye said that it had been estimated that the County would receive around \$200,000 more in sales tax revenues this fiscal year. He suggested the Board add one Environmental Health Specialist position and one Public Health Nurse I position requested by Public Health, but not in the proposed budget. This would increase Public Health Expenditures by \$101,651. He suggested approving the additional \$5000 requested by Randolph Vocational Industries to offset some of their expenses, and to approve the additional \$25,000 requested by Randolph County Senior Adults. This would increase Human Service Appropriations by \$30,000 for a grand total increase of \$131,651. He said he felt like these requests were the most needed and pressing issues. After these appropriations, \$68,349 would be left from the estimated amount. Chairman Frye said that would not leave enough for a tax cut, but said it was up to the others as to whether to allocate it or put it into fund balance.

Commissioner Haywood said he had “no appetite for increases” and would like to see a decrease. He hopes they can work to cut the tax rate in the future.

Mr. Massie explained the \$200,000 is only an estimate until actual revenues are received from April, May, and June sales tax. The estimate was based on current trends of higher sales.

Commissioner Kemp said sales tax revenues could still go either way and suggested to put any balance received over the \$131,651 into the fund balance.

Adoption of FY 14-15 Budget and Budget Ordinance

Commissioner Kemp motioned to adopt the budget as proposed, with the following exceptions: add two Public Health positions at \$101,651, add \$5,000 for the Randolph Vocational Industries, and add \$25,000 for Randolph County Senior Adults.

Chairman Frye seconded the motion, and the Board voted 4-1, with Lanier opposing, to adopt the FY 2015-2016 Budget Ordinance (which follows below), as proposed by the Manager, but with the above changes, and which includes setting the Ad Valorem Tax Rate at 65.5 cents per \$100 valuation, and which produces a budget of \$118,262,917 for FY 2015-2016:

RANDOLPH COUNTY
Budget Ordinance Fiscal Year 2015-16

Be It Ordained by the Board of Commissioners of Randolph County, North Carolina:

Section 1. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund of Randolph County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016:

General Government:

<i>Governing Body</i>	\$ 161,694
<i>Administration</i>	3,012,199
<i>Information Technology</i>	1,919,163
<i>Tax</i>	2,444,706
<i>Elections</i>	560,720
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	693,024
<i>Public Buildings</i>	2,637,509

Public Safety:

<i>Sheriff</i>	16,379,438
<i>Emergency Services</i>	7,437,045
<i>Building Inspections</i>	661,548
<i>Adult Day Reporting Center</i>	174,763
<i>Juvenile Day Reporting Center</i>	393,969
<i>Other Public Safety Appropriations</i>	257,390

Economic and Physical Development:

<i>Planning and Zoning</i>	601,458
<i>Cooperative Extension Service</i>	468,184

	<i>Soil and Water Conservation</i>	189,538
	<i>Other Economic and Physical Development Appropriations</i>	1,329,382
<i>Environmental Protection:</i>		
	<i>Public Works</i>	2,504,795
<i>Human Services:</i>		
	<i>Public Health</i>	5,205,345
	<i>Social Services</i>	20,530,508
	<i>Veteran Services</i>	96,051
	<i>Child Support Enforcement</i>	959,378
	<i>Other Human Services Appropriations</i>	2,405,118
<i>Cultural and Recreational:</i>		
	<i>Public Library</i>	1,876,181
	<i>Other Cultural and Recreational Appropriations</i>	20,000
<i>Education</i>		28,921,400
<i>Debt Service</i>		12,363,616
<i>Other Financing Uses:</i>		
	<i>Interfund Transfers Out</i>	4,058,795
	<i>Total</i>	<u><u>\$118,262,917</u></u>

Section 2. *It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016:*

<i>Ad Valorem Property Taxes</i>	\$ 67,537,867
<i>Local Option Sales Taxes</i>	19,131,651
<i>Other Taxes</i>	1,520,000
<i>Unrestricted Intergovernmental</i>	405,000
<i>Restricted Intergovernmental</i>	19,313,189
<i>Permits and Fees</i>	973,000
<i>Sales and Services</i>	8,800,365
<i>Investment Earnings</i>	85,000
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	344,892
<i>Other Financing Sources:</i>	
<i> Appropriated Fund Balance</i>	96,328
<i> Interfund Transfers In</i>	55,625
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<i>Total</i>	<i>\$118,262,917</i>

Section 3. *The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Emergency Telephone System Fund of Randolph County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016:*

<i>E-911 System</i>	<i>Total</i>	<u><u>\$ 573,955</u></u>
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Section 4. *It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Emergency Telephone System Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016:*

<i>NC 911 Board Distributions</i>	<i>\$ 573,955</i>
<i>Investment Earnings</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Appropriated Fund Balance</i>	<u><u>-</u></u>
<i>Total</i>	<u><u>\$ 573,955</u></u>

Section 5. *The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Landfill Closure Fund of Randolph County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016:*

<i>Solid Waste Management</i>	<u><u>\$ 186,500</u></u>
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Section 6. *It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Landfill Closure Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016:*

<i>Investment Earnings</i>	<i>\$ -</i>
<i>Appropriated Fund Balance</i>	<u><u>186,500</u></u>
<i>Total</i>	<u><u>\$ 186,500</u></u>

Section 7. *The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Fire Districts Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016:*

<i>Tax Distributions</i>	<u><u>\$ 7,561,689</u></u>
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Section 8. *It is estimated that the following Fire District revenues will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016:*

<i>Ad Valorem Property Taxes</i>	<u><u>\$ 7,561,689</u></u>
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Section 9. *The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Water Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016:*

<i>Bulk Water</i>	<u><u>\$ 1,764,300</u></u>
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Section 10. *It is estimated that the following Water Fund revenues will be available during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016:*

<i>Bulk Sale of Water</i>	<i>\$ 236,300</i>
<i>Investment Earnings</i>	<i>\$ 1,700</i>
<i>Transfer from General Fund</i>	<i>1,526,300</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i><u>\$ 1,764,300</u></i>

Section 11. *There is hereby levied for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, a county-wide tax rate of \$ 0.655 per \$100 valuation of estimated taxable property situated in the County. The ad valorem tax is based on a total estimated property valuation of \$10,324,000,000, with an expected collection rate of 98.5%.*

Section 12. *For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, there is hereby levied in the County of Randolph a dog license fee at the rate of \$3.50 per dog.*

Section 13. *There is hereby levied for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, the following School District tax rates per \$100 valuation of estimated taxable property situated in the special district. These levies are for the purpose of raising revenues to supplement school programs within each respective district.*

<i>School District</i>	<i>Net Valuation</i>	<i>Tax Rate</i>
	<i>Estimated</i>	<i>Approved</i>
<i>Asheboro School District</i>	<i>\$ 2,192,549,000</i>	<i>\$ 0.1500</i>
<i>Archdale-Trinity School District</i>	<i>\$ 2,284,767,000</i>	<i>\$ 0.0954</i>

Section 14. *There is hereby levied for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, the following tax rates for Rural Fire Protection Districts, per \$100 valuation of estimated taxable property situated in the special district. These levies are for the purpose of raising revenues for fire protection within each respective district.*

<i>Rural Fire Protection District</i>	<i>Net Valuation</i>	<i>Tax Rate</i>
	<i>Estimated</i>	<i>Approved</i>
<i>Bennett Fire District</i>	<i>\$ 40,902,900</i>	<i>0.0800</i>
<i>Climax Fire District</i>	<i>\$ 468,426,887</i>	<i>0.0000</i>
<i>Coleridge Fire District</i>	<i>\$ 242,533,233</i>	<i>0.0740</i>
<i>Eastside Fire District</i>	<i>\$ 465,005,289</i>	<i>0.1100</i>
<i>Fairgrove Fire District</i>	<i>\$ 368,872,301</i>	<i>0.0883</i>
<i>Farmer Fire District</i>	<i>\$ 211,722,569</i>	<i>0.0769</i>
<i>Franklinville Fire District</i>	<i>\$ 491,503,434</i>	<i>0.1000</i>
<i>Guil-Rand Fire District</i>	<i>\$ 2,017,128,396</i>	<i>0.0000</i>

<i>Julian Fire District</i>	\$ 88,640,082		0.1100
<i>Level Cross Fire District</i>	\$ 222,175,975		0.1200
<i>Northeast Fire District</i>	\$ 132,664,743		0.0900
<i>Tiger Country Fire District</i>	\$ -		0.0000
<i>Seagrove Fire District</i>	\$ 203,968,421		0.1000
<i>Sophia Fire District</i>	\$ -		0.0000
<i>Southwest Fire District</i>	\$ 84,805,745		0.1200
<i>Staley Fire District</i>	\$ 156,643,678		0.1000
<i>Tabernacle Fire District</i>	\$ 347,592,769		0.1054
<i>Ulah Fire District</i>	\$ 572,648,412		0.0700
<i>Westside Fire District</i>	\$ 668,448,955		0.1100

Section 15. *There is hereby levied for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, the following tax rates for Service Districts for Fire Protection, per \$100 valuation of estimated taxable property situated in the special district. These levies are for the purpose of raising revenues for fire protection within each respective district.*

<i>Fire Service District</i>	<i>Net Valuation</i>		<i>Tax Rate</i>
	<i>Estimated</i>		<i>Approved</i>
<i>Climax Fire District</i>	\$ 468,426,887		0.1244
<i>Guil-Rand Fire District</i>	\$ 2,017,128,396		0.1262
<i>Randleman Sophia Fire District</i>	\$ 374,006,226		0.1200

Section 16. *Pursuant to the requirements of North Carolina General Statute §159-9, the County Manager is appointed to serve as Budget Officer. The County Manager and the Assistant County Manager, as his designee, are hereby authorized to transfer appropriations as contained herein under the following conditions:*

- a. *The Budget Officer, or his designee, may transfer amounts between line item expenditures within a department without limitation and without a report being required.*
- b. *The Budget Officer, or his designee, may not transfer amounts between departments of the General Fund or between funds, except as approved by the Board of County Commissioners in the Budget Ordinance, as amended.*

Section 17. *The Budget Officer, or his designee, may make cash advances between funds for periods not to exceed one hundred eighty days without reporting to the Board of Commissioners. Any advances that extend beyond one hundred eighty days must be approved by the Board. All advances that will be outstanding at the end of the fiscal year must be approved by the Board.*

Section 18. Copies of this Budget Ordinance shall be filed with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of Randolph County and furnished to the Assistant County Manager/Finance Officer for direction in the collection of revenues and the expenditure of amounts appropriated.

Section 19. This Budget Ordinance will be effective on July 1, 2015.

Upon motion of Commissioner Kemp, seconded by Commissioner Frye, the foregoing Budget was passed with the following vote:

*Ayes: Commissioner David Allen
Commissioner Darrell Frye
Commissioner Stan Haywood
Commissioner Phil Kemp*

Noes: Commissioner Arnold Lanier

I, Amanda W. Varner, Clerk to the Randolph County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the governing body of Randolph County at a special meeting on June 15, 2015, a quorum being present.

The 15th day of June, 2015.

Clerk to the Board

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Darrell L. Frye, Chairman

Phil Kemp

Stan Haywood

Arnold Lanier

David Allen

Amanda Varner, Clerk to the Board